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PURSUANT to 37 C.F.R. 1.97 - 1.99

Dear Sir:

The Attorneys for Applicant in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97-1.99 bring the following references to the attention of the Examiner:

U.S. Patent 4,445,684  
Issued: May 1, 1984  
Title: LEG STRETCHING MACHINE  
Inventor: Ruff

U.S. Patent 4,647,040  
Issued: March 3, 1987  
Title: LEG STRETCHING APPARATUS  
Inventor: Ehrenfried

U.S. Patent 4,844,453  
Issued: July 4, 1989  
Title: STRETCHING MACHINE  
Inventor: Hestilow

U.S. Patent 4,892,304  
Issued: January 9, 1990  
Title: LEG STRENGTHENING AND STRETCHING APPARATUS  
Inventor: DeNiro

U.S. Patent	5,026,049
Issued:	June 25, 1991
Title:	LEG STRETCHING APPARAUTS
Inventor:	Goodman
U.S. Patent	5,137,504
Issued:	August 11, 1992
Title:	STRETCHING MACHINE
Inventor:	Mangini
U.S. Patent	5,507,711
Issued:	April 16, 1996
Title:	LEG STRETCHER
Inventor:	Richardson
U.S. Patent	5,520,598
Issued:	May 28, 1996
Title:	LEG EXERCISING DEVICE AND METHOD
Inventor:	Little
U.S. Patent	5,562,578
Issued:	October 8, 1996
Title:	ADDUCTOR EXERCISE APPARATUS WITH MEANS FOR ADJUSTING THE ANGULAR STARTING POSITION OF THE LEG MEMBERS
Inventor:	Guillemette
U.S. Patent	5,800,323
Issued:	September 1, 1998
Title:	ADJUSTABLE HIP AND THIGH EXERCISER
Inventor:	Ansel
U.S. Patent	5,904,641
Issued:	May 18, 1999
Title:	BODY EXERCISER
Inventor:	Huang
U.S. Patent	6,090,022
Issued:	July 18, 2000
Title:	EXERCISE APPARATUS
Inventor:	Colecchi
U.S. Patent	6,352,495
Issued:	March 5, 2002
Title:	LEG STRETCHING DEVICE
Inventor:	Hsu

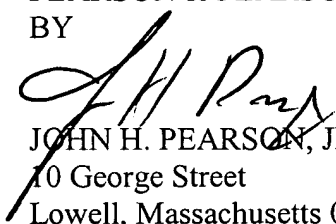
Applicant's attorneys have prepared and enclose herewith the Information Disclosure Statement Form PTO-1449 for the Attention of the Examiner.

The claims of the above application are considered to define patentable subject matter over the above publication(s) or patent(s) or combination thereof.

Applicant's Attorney points out that the USPTO has waived the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.98 (a) (2) (i), for submitting a copy of each cited U.S. patent and each U.S. patent application publication for all U.S. national patent applications filed after June 30, 2003 except for foreign patent documents and non-patent literature..

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